Scope of ratio parameter in drug industry

2998. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present definition of ratio parameter;

(b) whether it is a fact that the present defiinition has nullified the objective of boosting of indigenous production;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to rectify the definition;

(d) whether it is a fact that policy of tariff mechanism has boosted the imports of intermediates rather than production of bulk drugs from basic stages;

(e) what are the names of intermediates and penultimates where tariff mechanism parameter has been applied after the announcement of Measures in 1986; and

(f) what was the production of drugs produced from intermediates and production from basic stages, separately, of monitored drugs from 1987 onward upto 31st March, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) There are two ratio parameters. The first ratio parameter is the ratio between the ex-factory value of bulk drug production to that of formulation production which is related to the size of a company. The second ratio parameter is the ratio between the value of consumption of indigenously produced bulk drugs to that of imported bulk drugs, which is 2:1.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Custom duties have been rationalised on a number of intermediates and penultimates after the announcement of 1986 measures and it is an ongoing process.

(f) Stage-wise production of drugs is not monitored by this Ministry.

Exploratory drilling operations in the basins of Rajasthan by ONGC/ OIL

2999. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan Government has suggested to ONGC/OIL for more exploratory drilling operations in the basins like Kishangarh Shelf, Sahgarh Depression, Sanchor-Barmer and Bikaner-Nagaur:

(b) if so, what is the response of ONGC and OIL thereto;

(c) whether any provision in this regard has been made in current year's budget as well as in the Eighth Five Year Plan and if so by when the exploratory work is likely to start; and

(d) what progress has so far been made in drilling of oil from Jaisalmer basin?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) and (b) Although there has been interaction among Oil and Natural Gas Commission, Oil India Ltd. and the Rajasthan Government regarding exploratory activities in Rajasthan there has been no formal request from State Government for more exploratory drilling operations in the basins like Kishangarh Self, Sahgarh Depression, Sanchor-Barmer and Bikaner- Nagaur etc.